Safety of Women tourists

*475. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether single Women tourists, foreign or local, while travelling face difficulties and undesirable behaviour from citizens; and

(b) what steps Government are taking in projecting India as a safe and women friendly-destination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Providing safety and security to the tourists is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments as "Police" and "Public order" are state subjects. Hence, no data in this regard is maintained centrally.

(b) In order to develop and promote India as a secure destination, the Ministry of Tourism has advised the State Governments/Union Territories for deployment of Tourist Police at all important tourist centres/destinations. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has also requested all the States/ Union Territories to enact Tourist Trade Act so as to discourage unscrupulous elements in the industry. A Complaint Redressal System has been developed through which each specific complaint is followed up and taken to its logical conclusion. Ministry of Tourism has also launched a Social Awareness Campaign titled, "Atithi Devo Bhavah", which targets the general public as a whole, while focusing mainly on the stakeholders of the tourist industry. The main components of the campaign are training and orientation of the taxi drivers, guides, immigration officers, tourist police and other personnel directly interacting with the tourists while simultaneously creating a brand equity for the trained persons.

Review of Indian Penal Code

*476. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW) has called for a review of Indian Penal Code to secure betterment of lot of women;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NCW had suggestions for amendment